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PLENARIES

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. SYG LUNS STATED THAT SACEUR AND CHAIRMAN MC HAD ASKED HIM TO RAISE QUESTION OF MILITARY REPRESENTATION FROM SACEUR AND MILITARY COMMITTEE AT MBFR PLENARY SESSIONS IN VIENNA. LUNS SAID HE WAS INTERESTED IN THIS SUBJECT HIMSELF SINCE ANY ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT FOR MILITARY REPRESENTATION SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA. HOWEVER, LUNS ADDED, HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA HAD REPORTED THAT HIS FUNCTIONS WERE NOT HAMPERED BY HIS NOT BEING IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS. MOREOVER, LUNS NOTED, THERE WOULD BE FEWER PLENARIES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

2. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) REPLIED THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER
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FOR NATO NOT BE BE "PROVOCATIVE" BY ASKING FOR INCLUSION OF NATO MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES IN PLENARIES. HE ARGUED THAT AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION WAS NOT THE DETERMINING FACTOR SINCE THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD ALL THE FACTS ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS

AS INDEED THEY SHOULD. SPEAKING FOR BELGIUM, THEREFORE, HE WOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN HIS PREVIOUS POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL. THE AMBASSADORS OF ITALY AND NORWAY SUPPORTED DE STAERCKE'S POSITION. LUNS ASKED WHETHER HE COULD ASSUME THAT THE COUNCIL WISHED TO MAINTAIN ITS PREVIOUS POSITION OF RESERVE ON THE PROPOSAL FOR MILITARY REPRESENTATION IN THE MBFR PLENARIES. THE COUNCIL SO AGREED. RUMSFELD

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